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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No. WEYE116081
Application No.: 09/664,472 Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: September 18, 2000 Examiner: J.A. Webb
Title: FLUTED COMPOSITE AND RELATED ABSORBENT ARTICLES

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A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below. Check No. 143692 in the amount of \$84.00 is attached for the additional claims fee.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	53	Minus	54	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
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B. Additional Documents Transmitted

Pursuant to the request of the Examiner, attached herewith are drawing figures 12A, 12B, 13, 15, and 16, marked in red to show changes. Also transmitted herewith are 24 sheets of substitute formal drawings.

C. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Examiner's final action dated October 4, 2002 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 38, line 33, to read as follows:

Constructs 90, 92, 94, 96, 100, 102, 104, and 106 can be incorporated into absorbent articles. Generally, absorbent articles 110, 112, 114, 116, 120, 122, 124, and 126, shown in FIGURES 25A through 25H, respectively, include a liquid pervious facing sheet 52 and a liquid impervious backing sheet 54 and constructs 90, 92, 94, 96, 100, 102, 104, and 106, respectively. In such absorbent articles, the facing sheet is joined to the backing sheet.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 33-40, 46, and 53, cancel Claims 45 and 52; and add new Claim 55; as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) An absorbent composite comprising a fibrous matrix and absorbent material, wherein the absorbent material is present in the fibrous matrix in two or more

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